

*From the Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli*

## A 9/11 Anniversary Message

For years I have asked the question, "For what cause do so many Soldiers accept the great and grave responsibility of fighting for their country?" Though no one has ever answered that question directly, I see the answer written throughout our history. It was in the ringing of the liberty bell and the sigh of relief given by our allies as we joined them in battle; it was written on the faces of those liberated from execution camps; it was a simple "thank you" from one buddy to another as he is pulled from peril, and in tomorrow's history we will see it in the lives of the Iraqi people. The answer lies in freedom itself.

What is extraordinary about American Soldiers, however, is that it does not have to be their own freedom at stake. American Soldiers have proven, time and again, that they are willing to lay down their lives for the principals of freedom, for the betterment of others, for the greater good of our fellow man.

Three years ago today, terrorists attacked our country. After our shock, and through our mourning, we stood up and held hands to say, "We will not accept this as our lot." It seemed then that all of America had joined together to ask, "What

can we do? How can we help?" We were once again the United States of America, united in every sense of the word. While we could have closed our borders and shut ourselves in, we instead vowed that we would not allow the same tragedy that so deeply grieved us to touch another nation in the same way. Time passed and then, it seems, many in the nation forgot. Flags came down from porches and off of cars. But while much of the rest of the country tried to regain normalcy, the 1.57 million brave men and women of the United States Army active, reserve, and guard forces, who epitomize the Army Values and the Warrior Spirit vowed, "We will not forget."

Our government's deci-

sion to invade Iraq was hailed by some and reviled by others, and no matter which category you may fall into; you must know that your mission on the ground is succeeding.

What you are doing in Iraq is making a difference.

lions of people who have been bereft of that privilege for far too long.

The terrorists who attacked the United States three years ago are like the terrorists who attack our Soldiers here in Iraq. They attack us and the brave Iraqi's, who have chosen to serve their nation, in hope of destroying the progress we have made together. Terrorists are our common enemy.

It is your sense of equality, compassion and faith in your mission that has allowed another nation to believe that there is more. Iraqis know they deserve more and that within their grasp is a better future. It is you, the American Soldier, who makes this possible. It is your fight, your determination, your will, that will become the model for young Iraqi children about to grow up in the new world you are helping to create for them.

Your willingness to fight for your country and its deepest held belief, freedom, does not go unnoticed. You are the unsung heroes who make a difference simply by your commitment. For this, and so much more, I thank you.

ence in the lives of millions of people. You are rebuilding sewers systems, water plants, and electrical infrastructures. You're cleaning up neighborhoods. You're restoring essential services, and perhaps more importantly, you are restoring freedom to mil-



# Where Were You on Sept. 11, 2001?

By Sgt. John Queen  
3rd BCT Public Affairs



Spc. James Burcham  
C Co., 515th FSB  
5th BCT

"I was in basic training. When we got back from the range the drill sergeants told us two planes had hit the World Trade Center and one hit the Pentagon."



1st Lt. Kristi Woods  
15th FSB  
2nd BCT

"I was at work when I got the message. I have family in New York City, so I went home to call them. It took almost three days to get a hold of anybody."



Spc. Sebastian Robinson  
B Co., 15th FSB

"I had a basketball game that day. It was a bad day for everybody."



Staff Sgt. Brian Delap  
HHC 5th BCT

"I was in BNOC at Fort Gordon, Ga. It was quite distressing. We several people from New York (in the class), luckily none of their family were hurt."

## 9/11 Remembrance Camp Victory Fire Department

*Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004  
Pegasus Dining Facility  
4:30 p.m.*

A Sept. 11, 2001 remembrance will take place at the Pegasus Dining Facility. All are invited and encouraged to attend as mission allows. Please allow your Soldiers time to come.

### Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

**I'll be in touch.  
sa-attaSil qareeban**

#### Saturday

High: 106  
Low: 80



#### Sunday

High: 104  
Low: 78



#### Monday

High: 102  
Low: 78



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## News Notes

### 9/11 Anniversary Ceremony Planned

NEW YORK (*Newsday*) - The parents and grandparents of the 2,749 people lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Center attack will read the names of victims at the third anniversary of the tragedy. "We plan to mark this anniversary by asking parents and grandparents to take the lead in this year's ceremony, to acknowledge their great sacrifice and thank them for helping all of us to shoulder the loss, as our parents and grandparents are the foundation of our lives," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

### Navy Names Ships for 9/11 Victims

WASHINGTON (*Washington Post*) -- Thursday the Navy announced it will name two new warships in honor of the 224 terrorism victims at the Pentagon and in Somerset County, Pa: the USS Arlington and the USS Somerset. After the naming ceremony Thursday at the Pentagon, Navy Secretary Gordon England said the ships would be a "living tribute" to "every hero who died in the Pentagon...and on United Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after they overpowered the terrorist hijackers who had taken control of their flight." The \$800 million warships are part of a series of amphibious assault vehicles being built for the Navy. They will be commissioned in 2009.

## Adjusting to Life After 9/11

NEW YORK (*Newsday*) - A plane flies too low, triggering fearful glances from the ground.

A subway jerks to a halt and riders break out in sweat.

A policeman's automatic rifle reminds us how fragile we are.

"We get calls from some people who are afraid to go outside," said John Draper, a psychologist who runs the hotline at the Mental Health Association of New York.

In the three years since the Sept. 11 attacks, most New Yorkers have adjusted emotionally, learning to cope in a world where terrorism is an ongoing threat. For many others, the coping remains difficult.

Calls to the hotline remain at 5,800 per month, double the pre-Sept. 11 level, the association said. One in 10 calls relates to Sept. 11, with about 16,000 callers having sought 9/11-related assistance.

Many of those callers have been referred to a special 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse program, funded jointly by the Sept. 11 fund and the American Red Cross.

The program reimburses those directly affected by Sept. 11 for up to 32 visits to a mental-health provider. Nearly 10,000 people have used it.

The Red Cross agency recently announced it has an additional \$166 million available for Sept. 11-related services. Of that money, \$50 million will fund "Recovery Grants," with mental health among the top funding priorities of those grants. The September 11th Fund, a private, non-profit group formed after the attacks, is closing at the end of the year,



Lower Manhattan Development Project

World Trade Center Site Memorial designers Michael Arad and Peter Walker presented the refined memorial design, *Reflecting Absence*, at a press conference at Federal Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004.

but has announced that the mental-health and substance-abuse program will continue.

Draper said there is an ongoing need for Sept. 11-related mental health services.

"People who were directly affected or have a history of illness or some other vulnerability in their lives are still struggling," he said. "It makes it harder as they begin to feel more isolated and more alone, basically left back, as others move on."

"Not only have they felt that others didn't want to

hear about it, but they didn't want to talk about it either ... and it surprised them that they couldn't get over it," he added.

Some people who evacuated the World Trade Center and its surrounding area during the attacks are just now coming forward to seek psychological counseling, Draper said.

"Many of them felt that since they survived, the benefits available to them, the mental-health assistance, really didn't belong to them," he said.

## Patriots Win NFL Opener vs. Colts

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) -- In a game in which the offenses seemed to move at will, defense saved the New England Patriots.

The Super Bowl champions moved within three wins of setting the NFL record for consecutive victories Thursday night with a 27-24 win over Indianapolis.

Tom Brady was uncannily accurate as usual, throwing for 335 yards and three touchdowns, but that wouldn't have been enough if not for two big plays by a defense that had been pushed around all night.

The biggest was the last - a 13-yard sack by Willie McGinest on Peyton Manning that forced Mike Vanderjagt to attempt a potential



AP  
Patriots quarterback Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes in a 27-24 victory over the Colts on Thursday.

game-tying field goal from 48 yards. It went wide right, the first miss by Vanderjagt after 42 successes.

"Willie always seems to be there when we need

him," coach Bill Belichick said of the 32-year-old linebacker, who last year stopped Edgerrin James on fourth-and-1 in Indianapolis to preserve a 38-34 win.

The win was the 16th straight for New England, including the last 12 regular-season games plus two playoff games and the Super Bowl last season. That puts the Patriots two short of the NFL record of 18 set by five teams, most recently Denver in 1997-98, with games at Arizona, at Buffalo after a bye and Miami at home coming up.

This game was a repeat of last season's AFC championship, a toughly played 24-14 New England win.

## Kansas City Sets Record for Runs in DH

DETROIT (AP) -- Alan Trammell has seen a lot of crazy things during almost three decades in the major leagues.

Nothing, however, prepared him for Thursday.

A half-hour after being on the wrong end of several records in a 26-5 loss to the Kansas City Royals, his Detroit Tigers went out and won 8-0 in the second game of the doubleheader.

"We got our clocks cleaned in the first game, and then came out and shut them out in the second game," he said. "How can you explain something like that? You just can't."

The Royals were equally perplexed after setting a team record for runs in Game 1. They tied for the fifth-most runs in a major league game since 1900,



AP  
Kansas City's Angel Berroa slides safely into second base against the Detroit Tigers on Thursday.

scoring the most since Texas beat Baltimore 26-7 on April 19, 1996, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Joe Randa went 6-for-7 and tied a major league record by scoring six times. He became the first AL player to have six hits and six runs in a nine-inning

game.

"You go through stretches like this, where everything you hit finds a hole," said Randa, who played for Detroit in 1998. "I know I got lucky out there."

Randa had five singles and a double.

## Sports Shorts

### Roddick Shocked in Quarterfinals

NEW YORK (AP) -- Andy Roddick ran into a bold, bigger version of himself at the U.S. Open, and 6-foot-6 Joachim Johansson sent the defending champion home. Roddick was upset 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 6-4 Thursday night by another 22-year-old brandishing a powerful serve and forehand, but also someone who's won just one title, was playing in his first major quarterfinal, and who started the year ranked 113th. Not only that, but Johansson never had played a five-set match. Yet there he was, outslugging Roddick from the baseline, and ending the match by breaking the game's best server.

### Lucas Rereleases "THX 1138" Film

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) -- George Lucas is rereleasing his comparatively unknown first film, "THX 1138", to audiences with a limited theatrical release Friday followed by its DVD debut Tuesday. In a way, Lucas views this as the true premiere of "THX 1138," a dark sci-fi satire starring Robert Duvall as the title character, struggling to escape a dehumanized society whose inhabitants are mere numbers to a government that preaches boundless consumerism and keeps the population happy through mandatory sedatives.

